

VEF EXPERIENCE SHARING

INTERVIEW ROUND

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SPECIFIC
CASES

Q&A

VEF INTERVIEW SESSION



- Yourself
- Your study
- Your achievement
- Your goals

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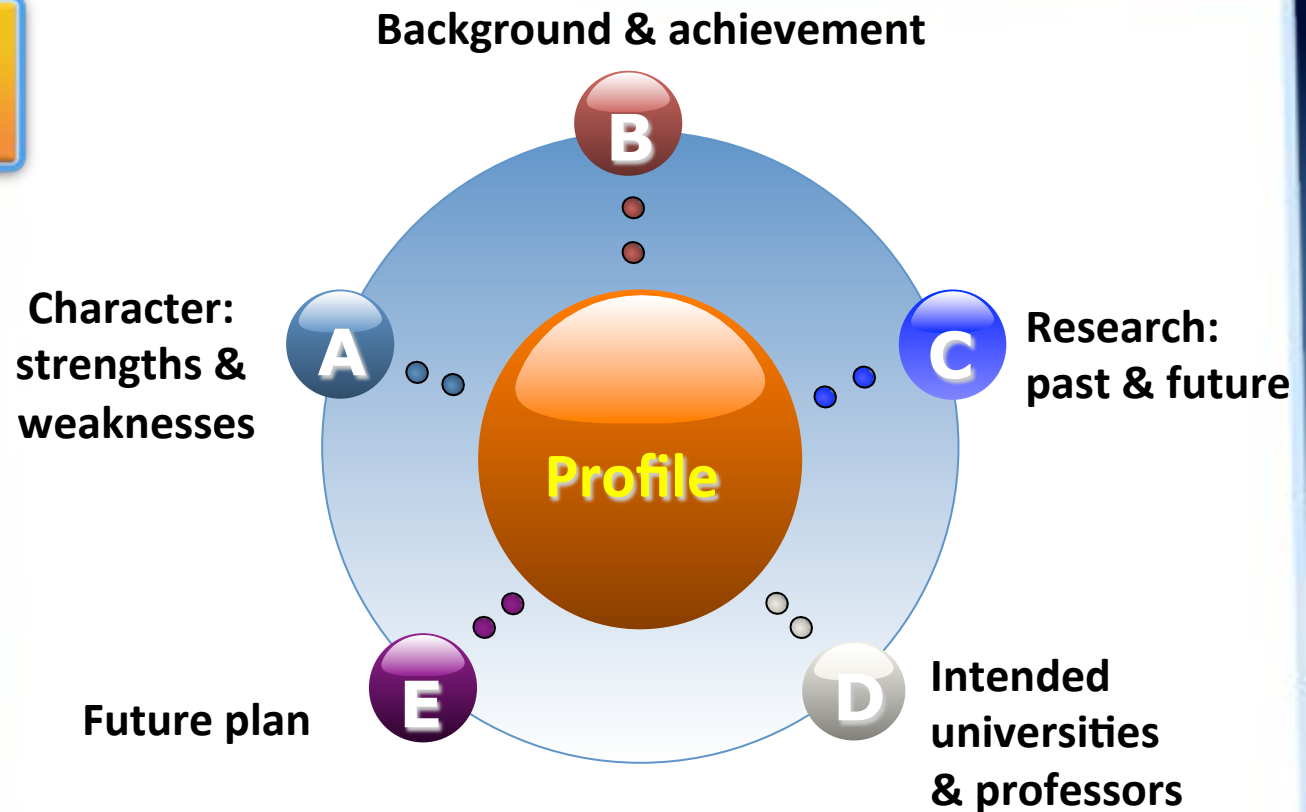
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- Know your research project in details & big picture

DURING

Problem -> Solution -> How to do it -> Result -> Evaluation -> Impact of project/findings/result -> Bigger picture

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- Know your field: good universities, good professors, current topics...

Q&A

- Background about your field

KNOWLEDGE

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Q&A

- List of common questions:
<http://www.hvtuananh.com/blog/2012/06/10/mot-so-cau-hoi-chuan-bi-phong-van-vef/>
- Practice in group
- Improve your English
- Communication skills: using white board with diagram, chart, gesture, eye contact...

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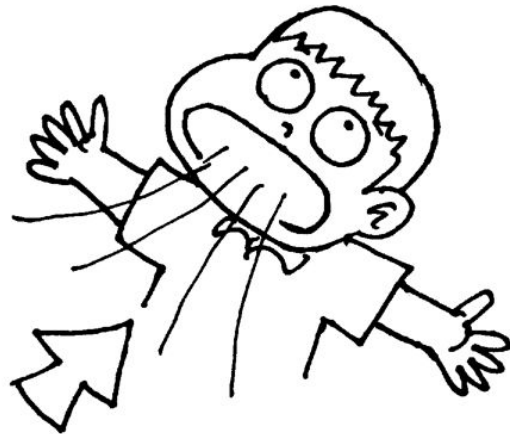
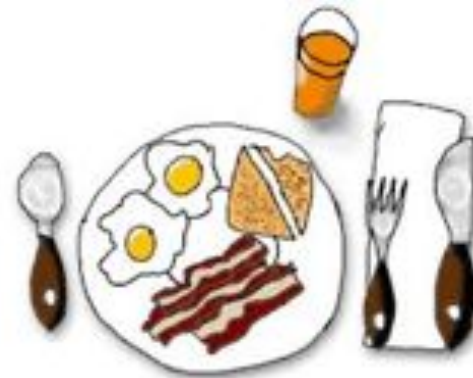
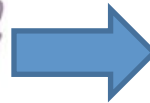
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Night and right before the interview



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INTRODUCTION

NEED

IMPRESSIVE
NATURAL
BRIEFLY
FOCUSED



OUTCOME

**SHOW
YOURSELF**
CONFIDENT
**CONTROL THE
STORY**

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Q&A

- **Show** your passion: project, attitude to research
- **Show** your plan: Past + Present = Future
- **Show** your activeness in your plan: step-by-step action, no randomness
- **Show** your leadership: to play a major role – leading the change in Vietnamese science & technology

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Q&A

- Be in the moment
- Pay attention – Answer the actual question
- Avoid boasting – Answer frankly, succinctly

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Q&A

Closing the interview

- Question for the interviewers: show your interest
 - Your positive/negative points & how to improve
 - How to strengthen your application
 - Skills to prepare for American education
 - Recommended schools
- Clear the board
- Firm handshake, smile, thank you, good bye

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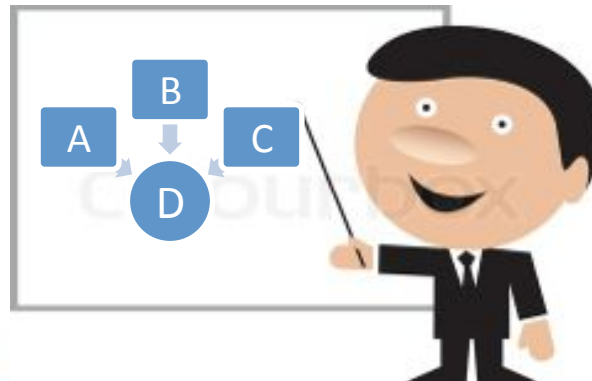
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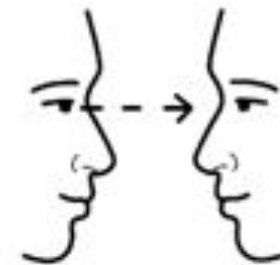
Problem solving



Smile



White board



Eye contact

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Q&A

1. Alteration in major?

Key: Suitability, Passion, Plan, Activeness

2. Want to go back to graduate school after some years working in a very different job which doesn't seem to relate to your major?

3. Age doesn't matter when you want to chase your dream

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